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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In re Applicati n of:

Antonius H.G. VAN ENGELEN et al.

Serial No: 09/928,138

Filing Date: August 10, 2001

Title: COATING COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING A POLYISOCYANATE COMPOUND, A HYDROXYL-FUNCTIONAL FILM FORMING POLYMER, AND A NON VOLATILE BRANCHED MONOALCOHOL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 D ck tN : ACO 6160 US

Examiner:

Group Art Unit: 1755

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Christina Cangelo

Sir:

☑Transmitted herewith find the document(s) related to this application. TRANSMITTAL LETTER IN DUPLICATE; RESPONSE/RESTRICTION TO OFFICE ACTION: AND CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 of:

☐ One Month (\$110.00)

. ☑ Two Months (\$410.00)

☐ Three Months (\$930.00)

☐ Four Months (\$1450.00)

The total fee believed due is \$ 410.00 . Please charge this amount and any other fees which may be due (including filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and processing fees under 37 CFR 1,17) to Deposit Account No. 01-1350. If an extension of time is required but has not been requested above. Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient for the attached document(s) to be timely. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 1,2003, in which the Examiner asserts that a restriction is required, Applicants herein elect with traverse, Group I (claims 1-24, 27 and 28) directed to the coating composition for prosecution. The restriction requirement is traversed herein since the inventions are related and it would not be a serious burden on the Examiner to prosecute the inventions of Groups I - II in the present application. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's basis for the restriction, that in the instant case, the composition could be used in a materially different process. The Examiner has provided no support for this statement and with respect to the examination process, such a differentiation in the process would not materially alter the search or burden required. That assumption is erroneous.

As the Examiner's basis for requiring the restriction is flawed, the Examiner Is required to remove the restriction and prosecute the entire set of claims (1-32) as originally filed.

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